



# Georgia HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday  
February 22,  
2019

## DAILY REPORT

20th  
Legislative  
Day

House Budget & Research Office  
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- The House will reconvene for its 21st Legislative Day on Monday, February 25 at 10:00 a.m.
- Three bills/resolutions are expected to be on the floor.

### Today on the Floor

#### Motions to Agree

##### **HB 30 Supplemental appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019**

**Bill Summary:** The Amended Fiscal Year 2019 budget recognizes \$435.7 million in additional revenue for a 1.6% increase over the FY 2019 budget passed during the 2018 Special Session. This brings the total appropriation for Amended FY 2019 to \$26.9 billion.

The bill, tracking sheet and highlights may be found on the House Budget and Research Office website: <http://www.house.ga.gov/budget>.

**Authored By:** Rep. David Ralston (7th)      **Rule Applied:** Modified-Open  
**Motions to Agree**(A motion to agree represents final passage of the bill.)

#### Rules Calendar

##### **HB 99 Insurance; provide for modernization and updates**

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 99 updates and modernizes Title 33, relating to insurance, by removing repetitive language, expired deadlines, and expired sections.

**Authored By:** Rep. Richard Smith (134th)      **Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**House Committee:** Insurance      **Committee Action:** 02-20-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 149 Nays: 14      **Amendments:**

##### **HB 167 Insurance; employees of licensed property and casualty insurers to adjust residential property insurance claims of \$1,000.00 or less without obtaining an adjuster license; allow**

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 167 allows employees of licensed property and casualty insurers to adjust residential property insurance claims of \$1,000 or less without obtaining an adjuster license.

**Authored By:** Rep. Darlene Taylor (173rd)      **Rule Applied:** Modified-Open  
**House Committee:** Insurance      **Committee Action:** 02-20-2019 Do Pass  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 104 Nays: 60      **Amendments:**

**HB 225 Motor vehicles; reference date to federal regulations regarding the safe operation of commercial motor vehicles and carriers; update**

Bill Summary: House Bill 225 is the annual update to the 'Uniform Carriers Act.' It updates the effective date from January 1, 2018 to January 1, 2019 to comply with federal law.

**Authored By:** Rep. Bonnie Rich (97th)  
**House Committee:** Motor Vehicles

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee:** 02-19-2019 Do Pass  
**Action:**  
**Amendments:**

**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 162 Nays: 0

**HB 246 Evidence; revise manner by which depositions taken at the instance of state are paid**

Bill Summary: HB 246 codifies the current standard practice that the state cover the cost of depositions when the depositions are insisted upon by the state, in the same manner as any other motion hearing that is on a criminal calendar.

**Authored By:** Rep. Deborah Silcox (52nd)  
**House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee:** 02-19-2019 Do Pass  
**Action:**  
**Amendments:**

**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 166 Nays: 0

**Postponed Until Next Legislative Day****HB 72 Clayton County; Board of Commissioners; provide salaries of chairperson and members**

Bill Summary: This bill provides for the salaries of the chairperson and members of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners. The chairperson shall receive an annual salary in the amount of \$180,000, in addition to an annual expense allowance of \$5,000 and a county automobile while on county business. The other four members of the board shall receive an annual salary of \$35,202 each, in addition to an annual expense allowance of \$3,000.

**Authored By:** Rep. Rhonda Burnough (77th)

**Rule Applied:**

**HB 85 Sales and use tax; organ procurement organizations; exempt sales**

Bill Summary: House Bill 85 amends O.C.G.A. 48-8-3, relating to exemptions from sales and use tax, by including an exemption for organ procurement organizations. Each organ procurement organization is required to submit an annual report to the Department of Community Health, which includes the number of donors and transplants facilitated by the organization in the prior fiscal year.

**Authored By:** Rep. Penny Houston (170th)

**Rule Applied:** Structured

**HB 161 Jackson County; board of elections and registration; provide composition**

Bill Summary: This bill provides for the composition of the board of elections and registration in Jackson County.

**Authored By:** Rep. Tommy Benton (31st)

**Rule Applied:**

**Local Calendar****HB 121 South Fulton, City of; change corporate boundaries**

Bill Summary: This bill changes the corporate boundaries of the city of South Fulton.

**Authored By:** Rep. Roger Bruce (61st)

**Rule Applied:**

**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 157 Nays: 0  
**Committee Action:** 02-21-2019 Do Pass  
**Amendments:**

**HB 240 East Dublin, City of; new term for mayor pro tempore; provide**

Bill Summary: This bill provides a new term for the mayor pro tempore of the town of East Dublin.

**Authored By:** Rep. Matt Hatchett (150th)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 157 Nays: 0  
**Rule Applied:**  
**Committee Action:** 02-21-2019 Do Pass  
**Amendments:**

**HB 272 Chamblee, City of; ad valorem tax; certain residents under 65 years of age; increase homestead exemption amount**

Bill Summary: This bill increases a city of Chamblee homestead exemption from \$30,000 to \$50,000 for those under the age of 65.

**Authored By:** Rep. Scott Holcomb (81st)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: Nays:  
**Floor Action:** Recommit to Committee  
**Rule Applied:**  
**Committee Action:** 02-21-2019 Do Pass  
**Amendments:**

**HB 274 Catoosa County; school district ad valorem tax; residents 65 years of age or older; provide homestead exemption**

Bill Summary: This bill provides a \$40,000 Catoosa County school homestead exemption for those who are 65 and older and whose income does not exceed \$30,000.

**Authored By:** Rep. Dewayne Hill (3rd)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 157 Nays: 0  
**Rule Applied:**  
**Committee Action:** 02-21-2019 Do Pass  
**Amendments:**

**HB 291 Peachtree City, City of; creation of one or more community improvement districts; provide**

Bill Summary: This bill provides for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in Peachtree City.

**Authored By:** Rep. Josh Bonner (72nd)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 157 Nays: 0  
**Rule Applied:**  
**Committee Action:** 02-21-2019 Do Pass  
**Amendments:**

**HB 293 Fayetteville, City of; Public Facility Authority; create**

Bill Summary: This bill creates the city of Fayetteville Public Facilities Authority.

**Authored By:** Rep. Josh Bonner (72nd)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 157 Nays: 0  
**Rule Applied:**  
**Committee Action:** 02-21-2019 Do Pass  
**Amendments:**

**HB 297 Monroe County; abolish office of elected county surveyor; provide appointment by governing authority**

Bill Summary: This bill abolishes the office of elected county surveyor of Monroe County.

**Authored By:** Rep. Robert Dickey (140th)  
**Rule Applied:**

**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination -  
Local  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 157 Nays: 0  
**Committee Action:** 02-21-2019 Do Pass  
**Amendments:**

**HB 304 Putnam County; Magistrate Court; revise number, manner of selection, and compensation of the judges**

Bill Summary: This bill revises the number, manner of selection, and compensation of the judges of the Putnam County Magistrate Court.

**Authored By:** Rep. Trey Rhodes (120th)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination -  
Local  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 157 Nays: 0  
**Rule Applied:**  
**Committee Action:** 02-21-2019 Do Pass  
**Amendments:**

**HB 305 Sylvania, City of; levy an excise tax**

Bill Summary: This bill authorizes the city of Sylvania to levy an excise tax.

**Authored By:** Rep. Jon Burns (159th)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination -  
Local  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 157 Nays: 0  
**Rule Applied:**  
**Committee Action:** 02-21-2019 Do Pass  
**Amendments:**

**HB 306 Screven County Industrial Development Authority; revise projects that the authority may undertake**

Bill Summary: This bill revises the projects the Screven County Industrial Development Authority may undertake.

**Authored By:** Rep. Jon Burns (159th)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination -  
Local  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 157 Nays: 0  
**Rule Applied:**  
**Committee Action:** 02-21-2019 Do Pass  
**Amendments:**

**HB 358 Morrow, City of; ad valorem tax for city purposes; provide for a nonbinding advisory referendum**

Bill Summary: This bill provides for a nonbinding advisory referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the city of Morrow governing authority should seek a reduction in the \$60,000 homestead exemption from city ad valorem taxes.

**Authored By:** Rep. Rhonda Burnough (77th)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination -  
Local  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 157 Nays: 0  
**Rule Applied:**  
**Committee Action:** 02-21-2019 Do Pass  
**Amendments:**

## Committee Actions

*Bills passing committees are reported to the Clerk's Office and are placed on the General Calendar.*

### Code Revision Committee

#### **HB 180 Official Code of Georgia Annotated; amend various titles; repeal provisions**

Bill Summary: This clean-up bill repeals the following authorities, boards, councils, and commissions that are inactive or no longer meet: Pacific White Shrimp Aquaculture Development Advisory Council; Georgia Tobacco Community Development Board; Southern Dairy Compact Commission; Heritage Trust Commission; Child Care Council; Georgia Southern University Herty Advanced Material Development Center Advisory Board; Private Colleges and Universities Authority; Education Information Steering Committee; Federal and State Funded Health Care Financing Programs Overview Committee; Commission on Men's Health; Renal Dialysis Advisory Council; Arthritis Prevention and Control Program Advisory Panel; Special Advisory Commission on Mandated Health Insurance Benefits; Commission on the Georgia Health Insurance Risk Pool; and the Georgia Silver-Haired Legislature.

**Authored By:** Rep. Michael Caldwell (20th)  
**House Committee:** Code Revision

**Committee Action:** 02-22-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

#### **SB 52 Code Revision Commission; statutory portion of said Code; revise, modernize, correct errors or omissions in and reenact**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 52 is the annual Code Revision clean-up bill. It amends the Official Code of Georgia Annotated to revise, modernize, and correct errors or omissions. The bill reflects the work of the Code Revision Commission to repeal portions of the Code which have become obsolete, unconstitutional, or preempted or superseded by subsequent laws. Lastly, the bill provides for other matters relating to revision, reenactment, and publication of the Code.

**Authored By:** Sen. William Ligon, Jr. (3rd)  
**House Committee:** Code Revision

**Committee Action:** 02-22-2019 Do Pass

### Judiciary Committee

#### **HB 134 County law libraries; repeal a population provision regarding the disposition of law library funds in certain counties**

Bill Summary: This bill repeals the chapter relating to the collection and disposition of funds collected by counties with a population of 950,000 or more according to the United States decennial census from 1980 and onward for maintenance of a county law library where no county law library fund exists.

**Authored By:** Rep. Bonnie Rich (97th)  
**House Committee:** Judiciary

**Committee Action:** 02-22-2019 Do Pass

#### **HB 177 Civil practice; certain actions arising from burial of construction waste or materials; change when statute of limitations shall accrue**

Bill Summary: This bill provides a two-year statute of limitation for trespass upon or damage to real property due to the burying of construction wastes or materials. Such actions shall be barred if not brought within two years of the trespass being discovered or should have been discovered,

whichever occurs first.

**Authored By:** Rep. Michael Caldwell (20th)  
**House** Judiciary  
**Committee:**

**Committee** 02-22-2019 Do Pass by Committee  
**Action:** Substitute

**HB 257 Council of Magistrate Court Judges; organization and provide for officers; increase authority**

Bill Summary: The organizational governing structure of the Council of Magistrate Court Judges is removed. Provisions related to the assumption and removal from office along with the expiration of terms for magistrates that are dated before 1985 are eliminated. The chief magistrate is still elected to a four- year term and all other magistrates are still appointed by the chief judge upon majority vote by the judges of superior court. The bond for faithful performance of duties is increased from \$25,000 to \$100,000. The qualifications for magistrates are amended. The county residency requirement preceding the beginning of the term is increased from one to two years, and magistrates must remain a resident of the county they serve during their term of office, be a citizen of the United States, be registered to vote, and have obtained a high school or general educational development diploma. Lastly, provisions related to justices of the peace, which have been superseded by the magistrate Code section since 1983, have been removed.

**Authored By:** Rep. Mitchell Scoggins (14th)  
**House** Judiciary  
**Committee:**

**Committee** 02-22-2019 Do Pass  
**Action:**

**Judiciary Non-Civil Committee**

**HB 259 Georgia Crime Information Center; provide criminal history record information to the Sexual Offender Registration Review Board**

Bill Summary: HB 259 allows the Georgia Criminal Information Center to provide, upon request, criminal history record information to the Sexual Offender Registration Review Board.

**Authored By:** Rep. Mandi Ballinger (23rd)  
**House** Judiciary Non-Civil  
**Committee:**

**Committee** 02-22-2019 Do Pass by Committee  
**Action:** Substitute

**HB 281 Crimes and offenses; pimping and pandering; increase penalty provisions**

Bill Summary: HB 281 increases the punishment for both pimping and pandering. On the first offense for either pimping or pandering, the amount of imprisonment that cannot be suspended, stayed, or probated is increased to 72 hours. On the second or subsequent offense, the penalty is increased to a felony with a term of imprisonment not less than one year nor more than 10 years.

**Authored By:** Rep. Teri Anulewicz (42nd)  
**House** Judiciary Non-Civil  
**Committee:**

**Committee** 02-22-2019 Do Pass by Committee  
**Action:** Substitute

**HB 341 Crimes and offenses; reproduction of recorded material; update terminology**

Bill Summary: HB 341 adds memory cards, flash drives, hard drives, and data storage devices to the list of media protected by copyright restrictions.

**Authored By:** Rep. Matt Dollar (45th)  
**House** Judiciary Non-Civil  
**Committee:**

**Committee** 02-22-2019 Do Pass  
**Action:**

## Committee Meeting Schedule

*This meeting schedule is up to date at the time of this report, but meeting dates and times are subject to change.*

*To keep up with the latest schedule, please visit [www.house.ga.gov](http://www.house.ga.gov) and click on [Meetings Calendar](#).*

### Monday, February 25, 2019

8:00 AM	<a href="#">SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTH CARE</a>	341 CAP
9:00 AM	<a href="#">RULES</a>	341 CAP
10:00 AM	FLOOR SESSION (D 21)	House Chamber
1:00 PM	<a href="#">PUBLIC SAFETY &amp; HOMELAND SECURITY</a>	606 CLOB
1:00 PM	<a href="#">Resource Management Subcmte of Natural Resources &amp; Environment</a>	506 CLOB
1:00 PM	<a href="#">JUDICIARY (NON-CIVIL)</a>	403 CAP
2:00 PM	<a href="#">STATE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS</a>	403 CAP
2:00 PM	<a href="#">Academic Support Subcommittee of House Education</a>	406 CLOB